

SOUTH CAROLINA LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVISION



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THREE EASLEY RESIDENTS CHARGED WITH ANIMAL FIGHTING

Three Easley residents have been arrested and charged with 17 counts each of violations of the **Animal Fighting or Baiting Act**. Each count represents a dog seized during the lawful execution of a search warrant at the defendants' residence.

William Rudolph Bowens, Sr., 51, Teresa Chavis Bowens, 50, and Bryant Roosevelt Bowens, 24, all of 162 Bowen Road, Easley, SC , were arrested late Friday night, October 1, 2004, and booked at the Pickens County Detention Center.

The arrests are a result of an undercover investigation conducted by SLED, the Greenville County Sheriff's Office and the Pickens County Sheriff's Office. The investigation is continuing.

The cases will be prosecuted by the S.C. Attorney Generals Office. "These days where there's drug trafficking there's dog fighting and visa versa," said Attorney General Henry McMaster. "SLED and the local sheriff's narcotics operations are to be commended for their swift and decisive actions. The State stands ready for a vigorous prosecution."

See attached sample warrants for additional information.

ARREST WARRANT

1-685753

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Pickens

THE STATE

against

Teresa Chavis BOWENS

Address: 162 BOWENS ROAD

EASLEY, SC 29640-

Phone: SSN: [REDACTED]

Sex: F Race: B Height: 5 4 Weight: 130

DL State: SC DL #: 004998796

DOB: 9/28/1954 Agency ORI #: SCLEDD0000

Prosecuting Agency: Sled

Prosecuting Officer:

Offense: Animals / Animal Fighting or Baiting Act, penal

Offense Code: 0540

Code/Ordinance Sec: 16-27-0030

This warrant is CERTIFIED FOR SERVICE in the

☐ County/ ☐ Municipality of

 is to be arrested and brought before me to be
 dealt with according to the law. The accused

Signature of Judge

(L.S.)

Date:

RETURN

 A copy of this arrest warrant was delivered to
 defendant on

Signature of Constable/Law Enforcement Officer

RETURN WARRANT TO:

 Central - Pickens County Summary Court
 115-B Commons Way
 Central, SC 29630

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Pickens

AFFIDAVIT

Personally appeared before me the affiant Jack Y Rushing

being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant Teresa Chavis BOWENS

did within this county and state on 10/01/2004

State of South Carolina (or ordinance of ☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

in the following particulars:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE:

Animals / Animal Fighting or Baiting Act, penalty

 I further state that there is probable cause to believe that the defendant named above did commit
 the crime set forth and that probable cause is based on the following facts:

THE DEFENDANT, TERESA CHAVIS BOWENS, DID ON 10/1/2004, WILLFULLY, UNLAWFULLY, AND KNOWINGLY HAVE IN HER POSSESSION AND OR CONTROL A BROWN FEMALE PIT BULL TERRIER DOG FOR THE PURPOSE OF FIGHTING OR BAITING. DURING A LAWFUL EXECUTION OF A SEARCH WARRANT AT THE DEFENDANT'S RESIDENCE THIS ANIMAL WAS LOCATED ALONG WITH PARAPHERNALIA COMMONLY USED IN THE TRAINING OF DOGS FOR THE PURPOSE OF FIGHTING. THIS OFFENSE OCCURRED AT 162 BOWENS ROAD, EASLEY, SC. 1. PHOTOGRAPH OF DOG TAKEN AT OFFENSE LOCATION.

Signature of Affiant

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Pickens

Affiant's Address Po Box 21398

Columbia, SC 29201-

Affiant's Telephone (803)737-9000

ARREST WARRANT

TO ANY LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER OF THIS STATE OR MUNICIPALITY OR ANY CONSTABLE OF THIS COUNTY:

It appearing from the above affidavit that there are reasonable grounds to believe that

on 10/1/2004

defendant Teresa Chavis BOWENS

did violate the criminal laws of the State of South Carolina (or ordinance of

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of Pickens

) as set forth below:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE:

Animals / Animal Fighting or Baiting Act, penalty

Having found probable cause and the above affiant having sworn before me, you are empowered and directed to arrest the said defendant and bring him or her before me forthwith to be dealt with according to law. A copy of this Arrest Warrant shall be delivered to the defendant at the time of its execution, or as soon thereafter as is practicable

Sworn to and subscribed before me

on 10/01/2004

(L.S.)

Judge's Address 115B Commons Way

Central, SC 29630-

Signature of Issuing Judge

Judge's Telephone (864)639-8084

Judge Code: 5065

Issuing Court: ☒ Magistrate ☐ Municipal ☐ Circuit

ORIGINAL

ARREST WARRANT

1-685702

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Pickens

THE STATE

against

William Rudolph BOWENS, Sr

Address: 162 Bowen Road

Easley, SC 29640-

Phone: (864)294-9008

SS

Sex: M Race: B Height: 6 1 Weight: 280DL State: SC DL #: 4597761DOB: 5/5/1953 Agency ORI #: SCLED00000Prosecuting Agency: Sled

Prosecuting Officer:

Offense: Animals / Animal Fighting or Baiting Act, penalOffense Code: 0540Code/Ordinance Sec: 16-27-0030This warrant is ☒ CERTIFIED ☐ FOR SERVICE in the☐ County/ ☐ Municipality of

The accused is to be arrested and brought before me to be dealt with according to the law.

(L.S.)

Signature of Judge

Date:

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in the following particulars:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE:

Animals / Animal Fighting or Baiting Act, penal

I further state that there is probable cause to believe that the defendant named above did commit the crime set forth and that probable cause is based on the following facts:

THE DEFENDANT, WILLIAM RUDOLPH BOWENS, SR, DID ON 10/1/2004, UNLAWFULLY, AND KNOWING HAVE IN HIS POSSESSION AND OR CONTROL A BROWN FEMALE PIT BULL TERRIER DOG FOR THE PURPOSE OF FIGHTING OR BAITING. DURING A LAWFUL EXECUTION OF A SEARCH WARRANT AT THE DEFENDANT'S RESIDENCE THIS ANIMAL WAS LOCATED ALONG WITH PARAPHERNALIA COMMONLY USED IN THE TRAINING OF DOGS FOR THE PURPOSE OF FIGHTING. THIS OFFENSE OCCURRED AT 162 BOWENS ROAD, EASLEY, SC.

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ARREST WARRANT

TO ANY LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER OF THIS STATE OR MUNICIPALITY OR ANY CONSTABLE OF THIS COUNTY:

It appearing from the above affidavit that there are reasonable grounds to believe that

on 10/1/2004defendant William Rudolph BOWENS, Sr

did violate the criminal laws of the State of South Carolina (or ordinance of

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of Pickens) as set forth below:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE:

Animals / Animal Fighting or Baiting Act, penal

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(L.S.)

Judge's Address

115B Commons Way
Central, SC 29630-

Judge's Telephone

(864)639-8084Judge Code: 5065

Issuing Court:

☒ Magistrate☐ Municipal☐ Circuit

ORIGINAL

ARREST WARRANT

1-685734

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Pickens

THE STATE

against

Bryant Roosevelt BOWENS

Address: 162 BOWEN ROAD

EASLEY, SC 29640-

Phone: (864)294-8467

SSN: [REDACTED]

Sex: M Race: B

DL #: [REDACTED]

Height: 5 10 Weight: 206

DOB: 2/2/1980

Agency ORI #: SLED00000

Prosecuting Agency: Sled

Offense: Animals / Animal Fighting or Baiting Act, penal

Offense Code: 0540

Code/Ordinance Sec: 16-27-0030

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being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant Bryant Roosevelt BOWENS

did within this county and state on 10/01/2004

State of South Carolina (or ordinance of ☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of Pickens

in the following particulars:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Animals / Animal Fighting or Baiting Act, penalty

I further state that there is probable cause to believe that the defendant named above did commit

the crime set forth and that probable cause is based on the following facts:

THE DEFENDANT, BRYANT ROOSEVELT BOWENS, DID ON 10/1/2004, WILFULLY, UNLAWFULLY, AND KNOWING HAVE IN HIS POSSESSION AND OR CONTROL A BROWN MALE (WHITE SPOTS BETWEEN EYES) PIT BULL TERRIER DOG FOR THE PURPOSE OF FIGHTING OR BAITING. DURING A LAWFUL EXECUTION OF A SEARCH WARRANT AT THE DEFENDANT'S RESIDENCE THIS ANIMAL WAS LOCATED ALONG WITH PARAPHERNALIA COMMONLY USED IN THE TRAINING OF DOGS FOR THE PURPOSE OF FIGHTING. THIS OFFENSE OCCURRED AT 162 BOWENS ROAD, EASLEY, SC. 1. PHOTOGRAPH OF DOG TAKEN AT INCIDENT LOCATION.

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ARREST WARRANT

TO ANY LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER OF THIS STATE OR MUNICIPALITY OR ANY CONSTABLE OF THIS COUNTY:

It appearing from the above affidavit that there are reasonable grounds to believe that

on 10/1/2004 defendant Bryant Roosevelt BOWENS

did violate the criminal laws of the State of South Carolina (or ordinance of ☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of Pickens) as set forth below:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Animals / Animal Fighting or Baiting Act, penalty

Having found probable cause and the above affiant having sworn before me, you are empowered and directed to arrest the said defendant and bring him or her before me forthwith to be dealt with according to law. A copy of this Arrest Warrant shall be delivered to the defendant at the time of its execution, or as soon thereafter as is practicable.

Sworn to and subscribed before me

on 10/01/2004

(L.S.)

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